

Species Ic, elastomeric foam comprising at least one foam structure layer and at least one waterproof elastomeric layer, as set forth in claim 9;

Species Id, elastomeric foam comprising at least two foam structure layers and at least one waterproof elastomeric layer, as set forth in claim 10;

Species Ie, elastomeric foam comprising at least one two foam structure layers and a knitted fabric, as set forth in claims 11 and 12;

Species If, elastomeric foam comprising at least one foam structure layer, one waterproof layer, and a knitted fabric, as set forth in claims 11 and 12;

Species IIa, elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is selected from one of the species set forth in claim 7;

Species IIb, elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is selected from one of the species set forth in claim 8;

Species IIIa surface treatment as set forth in claim 13;

Species IIIb surface treatment as set forth in claim 14;

Species IIIc surface treatment as set forth in claim 15; and

Species IIId surface treatment as set forth in claim 16.

As previously noted in the December 14, 2005 Reply, for the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species Ib, an elastomeric foam comprising at least one foam structure layer and one or more substrate layers, as set forth in claim 1, with traverse. As acknowledged by the Examiner, at least claims 2-8 are generic to claims 1 and 9-11.

Species II - Claim 7

The Examiner has further required an election in the present application between:

Species IIa, an elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is natural rubber;

Species IIb, an elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is synthetic rubber;

Species IIc, an elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is polyurethane;

Species IId, an elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is polyacrylate;

Species IIe, an elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is polybutylene;

Species II~~f~~, an elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is polyvinyl chloride;

Species IIg, an elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is polyvinyl acetate;

Species IIh, an elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is a block copolymer of styrene;

Species Iii, an elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is butadiene; and

Species IIj, an elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is mixed.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species II~~f~~, an elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is polyvinyl chloride as set forth in claim 7, with traverse.

Species II - Claim 8

The Examiner has further required an election in the present application between:

Species IIk, an elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is stretchable natural yarn knitted fabric;